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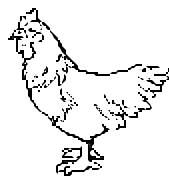
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere. Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Retail demand was limited to fair at best, but food service was in a better position, ranging fair to good. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to readily available and often discounted. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective with caution noted. Breast items were in heaviest supply and attractively priced to help clear. Livers and gizzards were no more than adequate with seasonally good interest, dark meat and wings were available and moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/23/02-09/28/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	(Includes branded product)	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG			
Bos/New Eng	46.00-50.00	48.08	12	52.90	30
Chicago	42.00-45.00	46.10	45	47.54	84
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	52.44	16
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	64.22	9
Denver	68.50	68.47	17	67.78	20
Detroit	42.00-44.00	45.00	12	51.10	41
Los Angeles	69.00	66.89	65	62.27	166
New York	48.00-51.00	49.55	22	51.58	58
Philadelphia	48.00-50.00	49.08	12	47.24	23
Pittsburgh	48.00-51.00	49.75	12	52.81	54
St. Louis	45.00-45.50	44.80	20	46.83	43
San Francisco	69.50	68.32	30	70.43	41

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	09/23/02	Change/Last Wk	09/16/02	09/24/01
585	54.83	-1.86	56.69	62.02

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	49.00-50.00	49.83	27
Central	46.00-54.00	51.35	60
West	44.00-56.00	55.78	43

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	61.00-63.00	63.10	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,157	42.00-66.00	62.39

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00	1,368
BREASTS - B/S	150.00	5,052
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00	1,160
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.00	896
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	9,507
WINGS	57.00	3,250

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair entering the week as dealers assessed market conditions. Offerings were at least adequate to readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Tenderloins and wings were adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was slow and unaggressive to fair with features for other meat items receiving best movement. Food service was mostly fair. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate and frequently discounted to help clear additional product. In the parts structure, wings were balanced and moving, and dark meat was available. Breast items were in the longest position with lower prices having very little effect on buying interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported on whole body and WOGs for this week's delivery were at generally unchanged prices for regular commitments and mainly lower on new negotiations. Offerings were difficult to place and remained in an ample position for current needs. To help stimulate the overall moderate buying interest in additional product sharper discounts were often noted. Demand for whole body improved where features planned, parts fairly good overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 18.5-21.5 and 4/10s 21-25, bone in breast 77-84. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 47.75 down 2.24 with the volume reported at 32 loads down 3 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices decreased from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offers were ample for the limited buyer interest. Movement into all channels was slow to fair at best, occasionally good into food service. Floor stocks were adequate to long. Weights desirable. Parts trading was noted as generally quiet. Supplies of all items were at least sufficient with breast items in the longest position. Market tone on wings, whole and boneless/skinless breasts barely steady to weak and steady on all other items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to very light. Offerings were more than sufficient and spot sales were noted in the mid to low 40's in an effort to clear production. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51-64 cents. Trade sentiment continued weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, inquiry was best on small tenders and inspot wings. Other cuts were at least adequate for a light and highly selective buying interest. Breast items were in heaviest supply.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	45-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.28
NO. OF BOXES	9,667

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light and generally unaggressive following the weekend with most dealers cautious and kept floorstocks in close balance with immediate needs. Breast items were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced to stimulate interest. Dark meat items were at least adequate. Wings and tenderloins were sufficient. Livers and gizzards were no more than adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was steady on wings, tenderloins and dark meat items; barely steady to weak on breast items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135		131.45	420,080
TENDERLOINS	125-130		131.67	113,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69		76.84	122,020
BREAST - LINE RUN	68		67.18	186,480
LEGS	31-32		32.36	140,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18		17.86	397,712
DRUMSTICKS	29-30		29.05	103,420
THIGHS	20-21		31.10	60,410
B/S THIGHS	62-63		66.04	69,680
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58		66.91	163,870
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.33	29,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		28.24	12,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		64.11	20,760

NCLUDES NY CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	983	110.00-157.00	-	123.31
TENDERLOINS	90	118.00-192.00	-	139.56
BREAST - WITH RIBS	368	61.00-116.00	67-69	68.83
FRONT HALVES	200	50.00-52.00	52	51.60
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	647	15.00-17.00	15-16	15.58
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,538	17.00-18.00	17	17.26
WINGS (WHOLE)	326	48.00-75.00	48-51	49.87
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,602	16.00-19.00	17	16.75

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/23	09/19	09/19	09/16	09/12
ALA	4,087	3,993	4.94	4,028	4.94
ARK	5,422	5,236	4.93	5,141	4.97
DELMARVA	2,312	2,354	4.96	2,239	5.07
KY-LA-TN	2,032	2,000	4.57	1,952	4.25
MISS	2,912	2,916	5.33	2,985	5.10
NC	2,629	2,628	5.94	2,624	5.88
TEXAS	2,462	2,471	4.84	2,070	4.85
TOTAL	21,856	21,598	5.07	21,039	5.03
MON	21,856(A)			21,039(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Sep 2002 is estimated to be 32,699,000 up 3.57 percent from a week ago and up 2.61 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,571,000 last year 31,866,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	895	122.00-202.00	130-134	133.33
TENDERLOINS	154	130.00-190.00	130-133	143.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	70.00-87.00	72-75	75.65
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	21.00-33.00	21-22	22.09
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	391	15.00-18.00	16	15.85
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,256	18.00-26.00	18-20	19.14
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	57.00-63.00	57-59	58.39
WINGS (CUT)	540	68.00-83.00	68-72	73.09
DRUMSTICKS	69	33.00-48.00	-	34.59
THIGHS	28	33.00-46.00	-	36.68
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEP 23, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
35.75 - 38.50	36.80	39.68

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 23-SEP - 27-SEP-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	122.00 - 152.50	122.00 - 132.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	70.00 - 98.00	70.00 - 74.00
LEGS	20.00 - 31.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 22.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	17.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	46.00 - 65.00	55.00 - 56.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 96-103
	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK -
	ICE PACK 94-98
DUCKS	152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

20-SEP-2002				
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-17.00	13.50-16.00	850,000	370,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.87	14.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.50-16.00	11.50-13.50	1,000,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	14.64	12.39		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of spent fowl. Processing schedules were at levels sufficient to cover a fair call for dressed inventories. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 23-SEP-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	CENTS/LB.		AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-11.25	7-8.5	8.48

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

20-SEP-2002				
CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.50-17.00	9.00-14.00	1,956,400	481,600
WTD AVERAGE	15.12	11.31		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	17.00	-	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00			

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 16-SEP-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD	AVG
		CENTS/LB.		
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		4-10	7.75-9	8.07
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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